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Re:

Sahuarita Water Company, LLC Docket No. W-03718A-09-0122

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed for filing are the original and thirteen (13) copies of Comments on April 10, 2009 Staff Report in the above-indicated proceeding on behalf of Sahuarita Water Company, LLC.

Thank you for your assistance. Please advise me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Angela R. Trujillo

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SAHUARITA WATER COMPANY, LLC FOR **AUTHORITY** TO **INCUR** LONG-TERM **INDEBTEDNESS** TO **FINANCE** WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

DOCKET NO. W-03718A-09-0122

**COMMENTS ON APRIL 10, 2009** STAFF REPORT

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Pursuant to the April 10, 2009 Memorandum transmitting the April 10, 2009 Staff Report in the above-referenced and above-captioned proceeding to Docket Control, Sahuarita Water Company, LLC ("SWC") hereby submits Comments upon the aforesaid Staff Report.

SWC is fully supportive of the recommendations set forth in the Staff Report, and hereby requests Commission consideration of and action upon the same at the earliest possible date. However, SWC wants to be sure that the Commission is aware that the Staff Report recommendations are predicated upon a key assumption; and, that the Commission take such assumption into account in conjunction with its decision in this matter.

More specifically, in the Purpose And Description Of The Requested Financing portion of the Staff Report, the following statement is made:

> "The Company requests that the Commission authorize it to secure financing in the amount not to exceed \$4,694,523 from WIFA. However, due to an anticipated \$1,880,000 of forgivable principal, the expected repayable indebtedness is \$2,820,000." [Staff Report at page 1] [emphasis added]

Thus, and as noted above, the Staff Report assumes as a threshold predicate that the Water Infrastructure Authority of Arizona ("WIFA") loan approval of SWC's currently pending WIFA loan Application will include a principal forgiveness in the aforesaid \$1,880,000 amount under WIFA's Supplemental 2009 ARRA Intended Use Plan.

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proceeding.

As of this juncture, SWC understands that that is WIFA's intent. However, it is conceivable that for some as yet unforeseen reason WIFA might (i) subsequently decide to not exercise its principal forgiveness authority, and (ii) concurrently determine to simply loan SWC the requested \$4,694,523 from WIFA's general funds. In such event, an order from the Commission authorizing SWC

"to incur amortizing debt in an amount not to exceed \$2,820,000 (the difference between the \$4.7 million requested and the \$1.88 million of forgivable principal) for a period of 18-to-20 years and at a rate not to exceed that available from WIFA" [Staff Report Executive Summary] [emphasis added]

would not provide SWC with the long-term borrowing authorization and funds needed to complete the arsenic treatment facilities which are the subject of its Application in the instant proceeding.

Accordingly, SWC suggests that the foregoing circumstance be taken into account by the Commission when it considers and acts upon SWC's Application and the April 10, 2009 Staff Report. SWC does not presume to advise the Commission as to how to proceed in that regard. However, SWC does share the Commission's desire to access Federal "stimulus" funds available from WIFA under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as quickly as possible, and hopes that the Commission will be able to reach a decision on this matter at its forthcoming April 28-29, 2009 Open Meeting.

Dated this 16th day of April 2009.

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